

TOWN TO A CITY

Herington Makes a Most Remarkable Growth This Year.

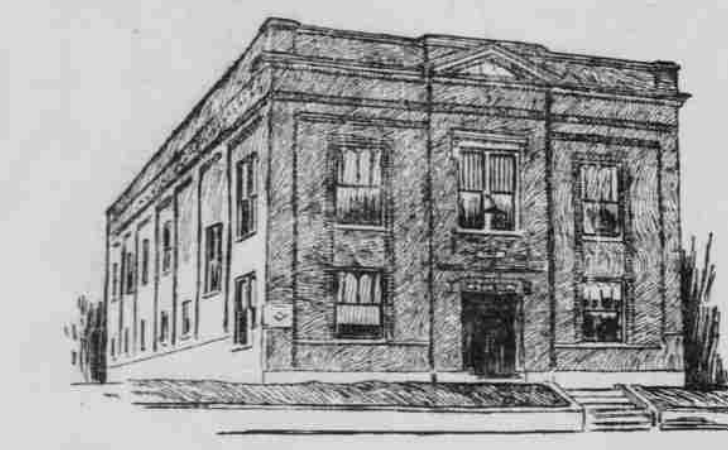
Quarter of a Million in Improvements This Fall.

TWO BIG NEW THEATERS BUILT

Masonic Temple, Carnegie Library and High School.

Three Miles of Paving and Great White Way in Spring.

Herington, Kan., Dec. 29.—With the "house-warming" of the new \$100,000 Carnegie library New Year's day and the dedication of the \$20,000 Masonic temple the week following, Herington begins her winter of enjoyment of the \$250,000 spent in improvements in this city this season.



Masonic Temple at Herington, Fireproof and Completed to the Last Word in Secret Order Equipment.

Two modern theaters, a magnificent \$50,000 high school, a planned \$100,000 four mill, two \$10,000 office buildings, many residences and asphalt concrete and brick paving, have given Herington the greatest building boom in years.

This isn't all. The wires have been laid in conduits for a great white way on the business streets to be erected early in the spring. Deals have been nearly closed for a 400-barrel flour mill, all concrete and steel. A city Y. M. C. A. in connection with the aid of the employees of the Rock Island is assured. All telephone and electric light wires in the business district have been placed underground and additional extensions are planned for the coming season.

A "Community club," the first organization of its kind in this part of the state, will be launched soon. Farmers, railroad men and all business men have entered in the spirit of the plan that will bring all interests together for the betterment of marketing, business, and living conditions in this the tri-county center of Dickinson, Morris and Marion counties. The main boosters behind this plan, M. E. Calkins, Earl Reese, Webb Ray and F. E. Munell, look forward to great

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The Herington library association, organized many years ago, is composed of Heringtonians who have been working with little encouragement at times toward the goal they have reached—a Carnegie structure. Now the association has a beautiful \$100,000 building, erected by Andrew Carnegie, on one of the most imposing corners in the city, adjoining the city hall.

On the first floor is the assembly hall, lobby and boiler room. The second floor, well lighted and beautifully decorated, is the library proper and librarian's office.

The building is constructed of gray brick, fireproof and covered with a tile roof. The officers are: President, J. Hughes; vice president, D. W. Bull; secretary, Nello Kerr; treasurer, F. E. Munell; librarian, Roberta McKown; and assistant librarian, Evelyn Morgan. Directors are: Mrs. D. W. Nail, Miss Nello Kerr, F. E. Munell, Miss Driscoll, Herington, Mrs. Belle St. Amant, Mrs. E. K. Storer, L. J. Hughes, Mrs. Ben Sheehan.

Two New Theaters. The theaters in course of construction are a credit to a city several times the size of Herington. A. A. Jaekle is building a moving picture house at a cost of \$15,000, one of the finest in the state. It will have a large garden for summer use.

The new high school structure can be seen for miles around Herington. It stands on a high hill in the center of the city. It contains an immense auditorium and a complete gymnasium. It is built of brick and steel. The architect is H. H. Riddle. The school board is composed of: H. H. Riddle, president; G. K. Smith, vice president; J. Hughes, secretary; and J. Hughes, treasurer. The school is now under construction. One is built by E. J. Smith. It is three stories in height with an elevator. The other built by E. J. Smith is a modern school building. The prettiest homes built this season are owned by L. H. Riddle, P. E. Miller, Glenn Young, V. Enlow, L. R. Bodel, George Huston, John Keichum, M. D. Herington and C. J. Dunn.

Eighteen blocks of asphalt concrete and brick paving have been laid this fall. Two miles of additional paving will be laid this spring. Herington owns her electric light plant and waterworks. The Rock Island is building a large public park facing the passenger station here.

Herington is now a city of nearly 5,000 inhabitants. It is an important division point on the Rock Island and has grown rapidly in the last few years.

Politician Dies in Prison.

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 28.—Ret. Millard, for a number of years a Republican leader in Oklahoma, died in a state prison here early today of heart trouble. Millard had been ill several months. He was received here Oct. 28, last, to serve a sentence of a year and a day for embezzlement while serving as treasurer of Osage county. He was a former Osage Indian agent at Pawhuska also.

A meeting of the board of directors and stock holders of the Otto Kuehne Preserving Co., will be held in their office on January 5, 1916 at 7:30 p. m.

FRED J. KUEHNE, Sec'y.

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MOTHER

The ONE PERSON in the WORLD WHOSE KINDNESS was NEVER the PREFACE TO A REQUEST



Let the New Year Bring Joy to Her Heart with a Nice New Piano or Victrola

Isn't SHE worth making a sacrifice for? How she has longed for a piano while she has been working for you and the babies.

She had a piano once and she would like one now. Not for herself, but to play for you and the babies, and to teach the babies.

She is always thinking of others. Let us think of her a bit. What happiness you can bring her by getting that piano NOW.

As low as \$65 and up to \$300 with comfortable monthly payments will purchase a used, yet like new, piano or a brand new one from \$175 upwards.

Let us show you what you and we can do for HER. The Jenkins Plan fits in with this idea so well, for it is all truth, honor, low prices, best quality for the money and the Jenkins guarantee for your protection.

Bring her in, or if you want to surprise her you can come and together we will select what she would like.

A Picture of a Piano isn't Needed in This Advertisement

J. W. JENKINS
SONS MUSIC CO.

714 Kansas Avenue
W. C. KING, Mgr.
Topeka, Kansas.

CUT IN REVENUE AT THE THEATERS

Divorce Proctor's Fees Are Divided on New Lines.

County Will Get Less and Atchison's Office More.

Economy measures of the Shawnee board of county commissioners launched about the middle of last August and effective September 1 to cover up a deficit of about \$22,000 at the rate of \$11,000 a year, hit another snag this morning when Judges Dana and Whitcomb of the district court handed down a decision whereby 65 per cent of the divorce proctor fees must go to the county attorney's office and 35 per cent to the county.

The divorce proctor fee controversy has been brewing since the commissioners announced their economy order. The commissioners' order held that 5 per cent of the fees must go to the county while W. E. Atchison, county attorney, as divorce proctor, was to receive 25 per cent. Originally, before the order was issued by the board the county attorney was receiving 75 per cent of the fees while the county was getting 25 per cent.

For a short time after the order was issued, an open break between the board and prosecutor's office was threatened. However, the week following, the situation began to quiet down and since that time the county attorney and the board might have been observed going into star chamber sessions frequently.

Wanted Larger Share. The county attorney held that 25 per cent of the fees was not enough to go to his office in consideration of the work necessary to be done by the proctor.

A few weeks ago the board and county attorney "got together" and agreed to have the matter put before the district court and asked that the judges decide the case. December 23 a hearing was held before Judges Dana and Whitcomb. The court handed down its decision on the matter together with the "friendly agreement" papers it was filed with Charles Bowers, clerk of the district court.

The divorce proctor fees are paid to the clerk of the district court and then paid out to the county attorney and county. The decision of the court cancel the order of the commission on the date it was made, September 1. The proctor's fee is now \$10.00. Owing to the large number of divorce cases filed in Shawnee county the controversy involved hundreds of dollars annually.

HOT SHOT BY WIRELESS

Providence Editor Sends Terse Reply After Captain Boy-Ed.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 29.—The Providence Journal sent a long wireless message to Captain Karl Boy-Ed, the recalled German naval attaché, on the steamship Rotterdam. "Your attitude toward the American people, in so far as it relates to the Providence Journal," the message said, "is a willful and deliberate insult to the American people. The Providence Journal created a hysterical suspicion concerning the destruction of America's factories, the murder of American workmen, or the daily plots against the peace and safety of this government and its citizens, almost all of which acts have been fathered and financed from your own office? Every word of what the Journal has published in regard to the Lusitania, the sinking of the ship, and the connection with these plots has been true, and nobody knows it better than yourself."

Paper Refused Bribe.

The message reverts to its charges that Captain Boy-Ed wrote the warning to American citizens not to take passage on the Lusitania; that he attempted to make a bribe offer to the newspaper to suppress the story of the sinking of the ship, and that he attempted to "buy" the formation of a press bureau. The message ends with this declaration: "You know well the reason why the United States government refused to permit you to remain any longer in this country. These reasons were not based on 'hysterical rumors' printed by the Providence Journal."

Your attempt to make the American people believe such a ridiculous falsehood as your farewell insult to a government and people who have treated you with ample patience, in the face of which, had it not been for the protection given you by your official standing, would have soon placed you behind prison bars."

Harry Thaw Pays Visit to New York to Have Good Time.

New York, Dec. 29.—Harry Thaw bobbed up on Broadway Tuesday night and made no concealment of the fact that he is here for a good time. He attended a show early in the evening, visiting several other places along the great white way and after midnight was overtaken by newspaper men in the "Midnight Folies" on the New Amsterdam roof.

"Yes, I am here for an indefinite stay and it's nobody's business what I'm doing," Thaw remarked, seated at a table with his secretary, H. J. Wright. On the table were a champagne bottle and glasses containing something that looked like lemonade. Thaw said he would put up at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria.

COXEY WANTS A TOGA

Hobo General Will Run for U. S. Senate Against Pomerene.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 29.—"General" Jacob S. Coxe, wealthy manufacturer of Ohio, who is the "army of the commonwealth" to Washington in 1894, outlined today plans for his campaign as an independent candidate for United States senator from Ohio, to succeed Senator Pomerene next year.

He said he would run on a platform demanding that congress authorize in the sum of \$1,000,000,000, legal tender currency, half of which is to be used in creating a merchant mine and half for naval equipment or coast defenses.

The Fraternal Brotherhood will give a musical and social dance tonight for members and invited friends. Admission 25c. Ladies free by invitation.—Advertisement.

"Kick-In" at Grand.

"Kick-In," Willard Mack's famous play which was the hit of the season last year in New York, is coming to the Grand Monday, Jan. 3, for one night.

These companies are now touring the country with the play and packing the theatre, so great is the interest to see this unusual comedy drama.



Norman Hackett in "Kick In" at the Grand, January 3.

Norman Hackett, who has been a star himself for the past five seasons and who is well known here as a time actor, will head the company which is to be seen in this city, while Doris Hardy, a charming Broadway actress, will be the leading female role.

New Year's Day at Grand.

No theatrical event recorded this season promises to be more pretentious than the dramatic version of Harold Bell Wright's widely read novel, "The Winning of Barbara Worth," which will be the attraction at the Grand New Year's matinee and night.

The production, provided by the perfect in every detail and a company of excellent actors will play the many and varied characters.

Uncle Tom's Cabin. The escape of Eliza stirs our sympathy as no ordinary melodrama ever can, and the fortunes of Uncle Tom keep us alert and excited. And the production which Wm. H. Kibbe's Uncle Tom's Cabin will bring to our city will be the same that has been so favorably received in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis and all large cities. At the Grand Tuesday January 4, matinee and night.

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as possible. Children under the age of 16 years will not be admitted to see "The Lure" unless they are accompanied by their parents.

At the Princess. John Bosworth, the man who played the lead in "John Barleycorn" and "Scarlet Sin," will appear tomorrow night in "Fatherhood," a gripping heart interesting picture of Arizona in the nineties.

At the Novelty. Three Peaches and Pair" is the headline act of the Novelty bill which will be presented for the last time tonight. The six young beauties sing and dance and appear in many different gowns. Wanser and Palmer have another pleasing act. "Just Tips." Paramount traveltogue shows many interesting parts of South America. For the last half of the week, beginning Thursday matinee, the management has booked a bill with plenty of variety and pep. The picture program will be offered by Pathe News.

At the Orpheum. Douglas Fairbanks gets in some good laughs and comic effects in the dual personality play, "Double Trouble," which will play at the Orpheum theater Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Fairbanks has to be timid and backward with all but elderly ladies in his role as Florian Amidon, a young banker. As Mr. Brassfield, the rich oil promoter, corrupt politician and man about town, Fairbanks is amusing in his aggressiveness both in business and in dealing with affairs of the heart.

Thousands in All Walks of Life Honor Ex-Premier.

Athens, Dec. 29.—Thousands of Greeks of all classes began filing past the residence of Elipheios Venizelos, former premier of Greece, this morning on the occasion of his "Saints' day" and gave him an extraordinary greeting.

There were workmen in blouses, soldiers in uniforms, statesmen, former cabinet ministers, politicians and men of every social rank in the procession who pushed their way through the dense crowd that remained in front of Mr. Venizelos' house all day. The entente ministers called on the former premier and were cheered by the crowd.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued from the office of Hugh MacFarland, probate judge: Amos K. Brandt, age 31, and Louise G. Tauer, age 31, Topeka.

John Ruppel, over 21, Topeka, and Nola B. Lackie, over 21, Topeka.

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